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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: FURFURAL PLANT

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1. M-PD, USDOC HAS CONTACTED QUAKER OATS CHEMICAL DIVISION IN CHICAGO WITH REFERENCE TO VISIT OF A GREEK EXPERT TO DISCUSS FURFURAL PLANTS. QUAKER OATS RESPONSE TO THIS IS NEGATIVE. THE FIRM DOES NOT LICENSE ITS TECHNOLOGY - IN FACT IT DOES NOT EVEN HAVE PATENTS TO ENABLE IT TO DO SO. THE TECHNOLOGY IS CLOSELY HELD; VISITORS TO ITS PLANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED. AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN THERE IS NO OTE, FURFURAL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. QUAKER OATS DID COMMENT THAT EVEN WERE IT INTERESTED THE PARTICULAR SIZE PLANT CONTEMPLATED IS TOO SMALL TO BE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MUCHPOINT TO DR. CHARITOS' VISIT WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE TECHNOLOGY.

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2. FYI. WE DID CONTACT DESIGN/CONSTRUCT COMPANIES WHO

WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THE TURNKEY PLANT IF THE
TECHNOLOGY WERE AVAILABLE. END FYI.

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT FINLAND ALSO HAS A PROCESS TO
PRODUCE FURFURAL. INGERSOLL

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